Outdoor recreation improves quality of life, creates new jobs and attracts increased investment in Utah Communities. The Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (UORG) supports recreation by providing matching funds for new trails, bike parks, boat ramps, shooting ranges and more. By investing in outdoor recreation infrastructure, the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation helps local communities achieve their economic development and tourism goals.

2020 Funding Stats

59 Projects In 2020 (40 UORG and 19 RRI)

JOBS SUPPORTED

68 FULL-TIME	**115** PART-TIME	**192** SEASONAL

64% OF FUNDING TO RURAL UTAH

97 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

20 COUNTIES RECEIVED PROJECT FUNDING

$11.5 MILLION IN FUNDING REQUESTS

7:1 PRIVATE/PUBLIC LEVERAGE

12 ACTIVITY TYPES FUNDED

40 NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

80.6 NEW MILES OF TRAIL FUNDED

$6,031,396 AWARDED TO PROJECTS VALUING $43 MILLION

Regional Asset Tier:

New to 2020, the Regional Asset Tier funds up to $500,000 for projects with at least a $2 million total cost.

- 2 projects funded at $500,000
- 2 projects funded at $250,000

▶ **Total Project Value of over $25 million**

Recreation Restoration Infrastructure (RRI):

New to 2020, these funds support deferred restoration or reconstruction projects on public lands for developed recreation infrastructure.

- 19 projects funded for $1,281,547
- 200 miles of trail to be restored
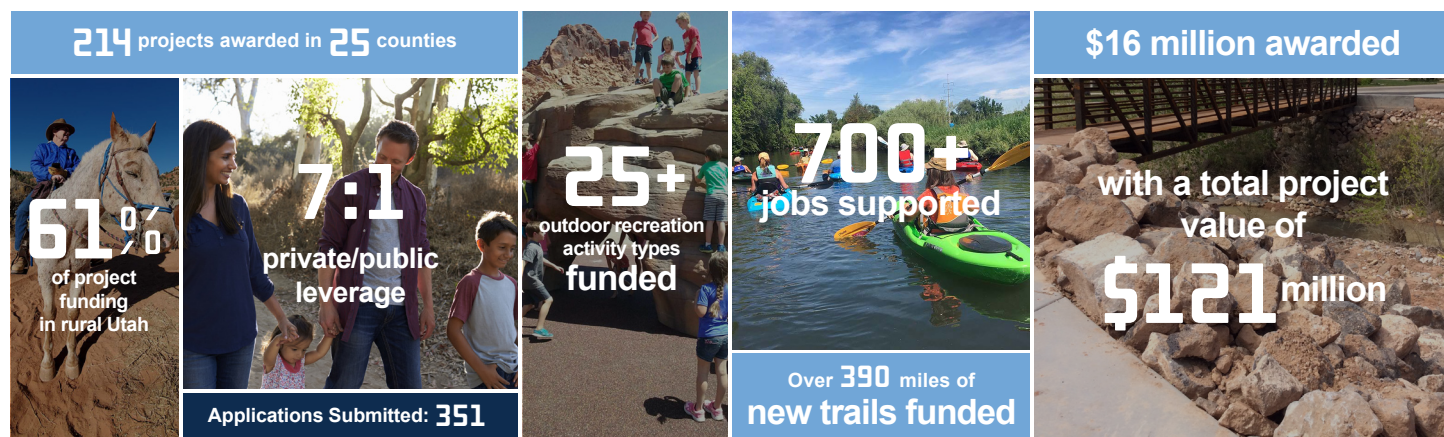- 87 campsites and structures rehabilitated

In 2013, Utah became the first state to create an Office of Outdoor Recreation. Since then, the office has become a national leader working to broaden the economic value of Utah's outdoors through collaboration with various business and community partners. In 2015, the office helped communities to build trails and other recreation infrastructure by awarding matching grants through a pilot program. Funding for the program increased the following year. Its success led to the Utah Legislature, creating a longer-term funding source to continue the grant program, now called the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant.

2015–2020 Funding Stats

214 projects awarded in **25** counties

61% of project funding in rural Utah

7:1 private/public leverage

Applications Submitted: **351**

25+ outdoor recreation activity types funded

700+ jobs supported

Over **390** miles of new trails funded

$16 million awarded

with a total project value of **$121** million

Activities Funded

OFF-ROAD
UTVs, ATVs and off-road motorcycles

OUTDOOR COURSE
Outdoor challenge courses, disc golf or ropes courses

NATURE ENJOYMENT
Wildlife viewing, wildlife photography, birdwatching and nature walks

CAMPING
Tents, RVs, yurts and hammocking

FISHING
All recreational types

ROCK & MOUNTAIN
Canyoneering, rappelling and all types of outdoor climbing

SNOW
Snowboarding, all skiing types, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and ice-skating in outdoor rinks

WHEEL (PAVED SURFACE)
Recreational bicycling, skateboarding, scootering and rollerblading

SHOOTING
Archery, target shooting and biathlon

TRAIL (NATURAL SURFACE)
Backpacking, hiking, trail running, mountain biking and horseback riding

WATER
Canoeing, kayaking, rafting, stand-up paddle boarding, sailing, boating, swimming in lakes/rivers and snorkeling

2015–2020 Funding Summary

YEAR	FUNDING	SUBMITTED	AWARDED	PROJECT VALUE
2015	$405,479	23	15	$1.8 Million
2016	$796,396	53	15	$5.2 Million
2017	$453,112	28	14	$2.8 Million
2018	$4,218,041	84	56	$33.1 Million
2019	$4,375,209	66	55	$35.6 Million
2020	$6,031,396	97	59	$42.9 Million
TOTAL	$16,279,633	351	214	$121.4 Million

For more information, visit **business.utah.gov/outdoor**

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